

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

**GOD REALLY LOVES US
GRATITUDE**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*A SONG OF PRAISE: JESUS MESSIAH

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY PAULA BURCHAM:

L HOLY GOD, WE HAVE LEFT OUR HOMES AND WARM BEDS TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE.

P WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE YOU.

L MAY THIS FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK...

P BE ONLY ONE OF MANY DAYS IN WHICH WE SING YOUR PRAISES AND WORSHIP YOU.

*OPENING PRAYER LED BY PAULA BURCHAM (IN UNISON):

God of wisdom and righteousness, your standards and expectations of us have not changed. Fill us with the desire to know your truth and to follow your commandments. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH PASTOR DUSTIN

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: ROCK OF AGES

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SCRIPTURE: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16 READ BY JOSH TAYLOR

11 BUT AS FOR YOU, MAN OF GOD, SHUN ALL THIS; PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, GODLINESS, FAITH, LOVE, ENDURANCE, GENTLENESS. 12 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH; TAKE HOLD OF THE ETERNAL LIFE TO WHICH YOU WERE CALLED AND FOR WHICH YOU MADE[A] THE GOOD CONFESSION IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES. 13 IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, WHO GIVES LIFE TO ALL THINGS, AND OF CHRIST JESUS, WHO IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE PONTIUS PILATE MADE THE GOOD CONFESSION, I CHARGE YOU 14 TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENT WITHOUT SPOT OR BLAME UNTIL THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, 15 WHICH HE WILL BRING ABOUT AT THE RIGHT TIME—HE WHO IS THE BLESSED AND ONLY SOVEREIGN, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. 16 IT IS HE ALONE WHO HAS IMMORTALITY AND DWELLS IN UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT, WHOM NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN OR CAN SEE; TO HIM BE HONOR AND ETERNAL DOMINION. AMEN.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON: FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES (GENTLENESS)

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

SERVERS: SUE SITES, BILL NIEMANN, ANITA LOONEY, CARL DAYHOFF,
CARRIE MCCUNE, AND PASTOR DUSTIN

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: STANDING ON THE PROMISES **UMH 374**

***THE BENEDICTION**

* CONGRAGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you

make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Discussion Questions from today's message:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Who is the gentlest person you know?
3. Does being gentle mean you are weak? Why or why not?
4. How is gentleness countercultural?
5. How can you be gentler with your spouse this week? What would encourage them or make them feel safe and secure with you?
6. How can we pray for you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Bake Sale: Youth Fundraiser: before and after service.

30 Hour Famine: The Youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine February 24-26.

Common Grounds: February 9 at 6:00 pm

WNK BBQ Fundraiser: Sunday, February 12.

Valentines Treat: The Missions Committee will be delivering Valentine treats to first responders again this year and will need your help. Please bring homemade Valentine cookies, muffins, etc. to the church on **Sunday, February 12**, and leave them in the choir room. Thank you for your support of this mission outreach.

UMW Crockpot Fundraiser: February 26

Pecans: The Hospitality Team is still selling Pecans

Wednesday Night Dinner: Main Dish

February 8: Hamburgers & Fixins compliments of Bill Niemann

February 15: Spaghetti /Alfredo compliments of Patrick & Kyra February 22:

February 22: Cooks choice compliments of Carol MacCourtney and Martha Gill

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Celebration of Holy Communion

Servers: Sue Sites, Bill Niemann, Anita Looney, Carl Dayhoff, Carrie McCune, and
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God is here with us and with you!

God is also with you!

Let's give our hearts, intentions, and thoughts over to God.

We give them all joyfully!

Let's also give thanks to God who gets everything!

**Of course, God gets everything! God made everything! Let's show our
thanks and honor God.**

You're so right! Giving God our thanks and honor is the best thing we can ever
do!

So, let's do it:

God, you created everything; every living thing was put on Earth by you.

All people of every nation belong to you!

So, together with all creation (everything on earth and in heaven)
we give you praise and join in with the world's eternal song of praise:

**Holy, incredible, unimaginable God, full of power and strength, all of heaven
and earth are full of the signs of your glory! You amaze us! And your Son
Jesus whom you sent is equally amazing! We are continually amazed by you!**

God you are amazing and so is your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through your holy plan (Christ's birth, death, and resurrection)

Your Church was born.

You saved us from the power of sin and eternal death
and you made a new agreement with us through baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Christ sent us to tell the whole world about his love
and now we, his family, are joining together at his holy table.

As a way to remember Christ's perfect love and life
we happily and thankfully give you back our lives as holy, living sacrifices.

Receive this gift of our lives together with Christ's gifts for us
as we speak the Truth about our faith:

Christ dies; Christ lives; Christ is coming again.

Join me in praying God's blessing over our symbols:

God, we ask you to pour your Holy Spirit on each person in this
room

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them the body and blood of Christ

so that by taking them into our bodies you will make us the body of
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Renew us and help us remember we are Christ's Church.
Strengthen our faith and service in every nation and with all people
so we can faithfully show and tell the world how much your love can do.
Use your Holy Spirit to make us at one with Christ and at one with each other
so we can care for the world until Christ comes again
and we all join around his table as family in perfect love.
We proclaim to the world that you possess every good quality
and you deserve all of our honor and obedience now and forever.

AMEN.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples
in an upper room in Jerusalem, Israel.
After they finished the ceremonial meal, Jesus took the bread,
thanked God for it, and broke it and told his friends:
"This is my body which I give to you. Take it and eat it and remember me."

Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it and said to his friends:
"This is my blood given to you as a new agreement
between humans and God. Drink it and remember me."

Just as the grain that was used to make this bread
was once scattered over the land and then gathered together to make this one
loaf,
God, gather your people together from all over the world
into your one holy and eternal community.

This is Christ's dinner table.
Christ welcomes everyone who wants to know him
to come and eat with him here.

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